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PETITION TO REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Abandonment dated April 6, 2004, advising that the above-identified application is abandoned in view of failure to reply to the Office letter mailed on September 25, 2003.

Applicant received a Restriction Requirement from the U.S. Patent Office dated September 25, 2003. This Restriction Requirement did not set a shortened statutory period for reply. Therefore according to U.S. patent regulations the maximum statutory period applies and expires six months from the mailing date of September 25, 2003.

Applicant responded to the Restriction Requirement dated September 25, 2003 by filling an Election to Invention I on January 26, 2004. This election was submitted by facsimile to facsimile number 1-703-308-7382. A Certificate of Facsimile was sent therewith. Enclosed is a photocopy of the response and a

Certificate of Facsimile Transmission signed by Jennifer Spinning certifying that the facsimile was sent on January 26, 2004.

Also enclosed is a photocopy of the Transmission Verification Report printed by Applicant's facsimile machine indicating that the response was submitted as indicated.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly it is respectfully requested that the abandonment be withdrawn as a timely response was made to the Restriction Requirement of September 25, 2003, and that this response was submitted on January 26, 2004 well within the statutory period. It is also respectfully requested that all petition fees be waived as the applicant is clearly not at fault for the abandonment of the application.

Should any additional facts be significant in this application, the Patent Office is requested to inform Applicant.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

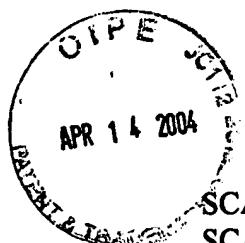
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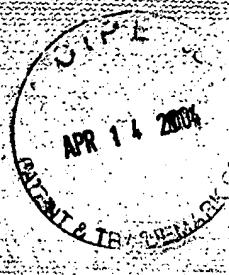


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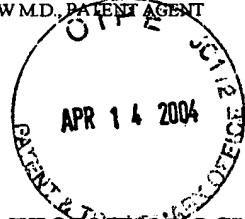
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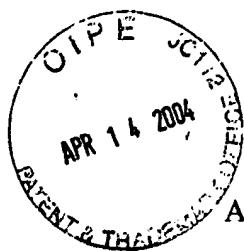
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC § 121

Applicant hereby elects Invention I with claims 1, 2 and 9 - 13 directed to this invention.

Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement. It is Applicant's position that the sub-combination is the subject matter of claim 1 and that the various combinations are not in the form of a combination sub-combination relationship but are instead various different combinations all with a common sub-combination, namely all with a common sub-combination of claim 1. Restriction is not proper.

Where Applicant presents an independent claim which is a sub-combination and further dependent claims are presented which add further limitations or features no restriction is proper. Claim 1 can be considered a linking claim. However, more properly claim 1 should be considered the basic sub-combination wherein for example claims 2 and 3 are combinations which share the same sub-combination. It is noted that the MPEP does not provide restriction

where there is a sub-combination (for example claim 1) and there are further combinations (for example claims 2 and 3) and wherein the combination claims share the features of the sub-combination.

Reconsideration of the requirement is requested. Favorable action on the merits is requested.

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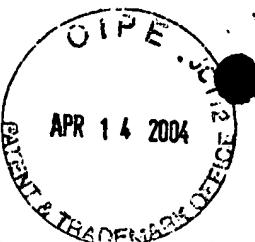
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Enclosed: Petition for Three Month Extension of Time

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:

The Office Action dated September 25, 2003 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of one month.

The shortened statutory period expired October 25, 2003.

Since the attached response is being filed within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) the Examiner is respectfully requested to charge attorney's deposit account no. 13-0410 the appropriate petition fee of \$950.00 (fee code 1253).

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